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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PROPOSED EXPORT OF MCDONNELL DOUGLAS  
C133A AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER 56-1999 TO SANTO DOMINGO

1. OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL HAS RECEIVED APPLICATION FOR EXPORT SALE OF MILITARY SURPLUS C133A AIRCRAFT TO A PURCHASER IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. FAA HAS ALSO RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL FLIGHT AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT SUBJECT AIRCRAFT TO BE FERRIED FROM TUCSON ARIZONA TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. APPLICANT IN EACH CASE IS LANCE W. DRYER, PRESIDENT OF UNUM CORPORATION OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, WHO CLAIMS TO BE CURRENT OWNER OF THIS AIRCRAFT. DOMINICAN PURCHASER IS ALLEGED TO BE TRANSPORTES AEROS DOMINICANOS (TAD), LOPE DE VESA 51, SANTO DOMINGO, DR. PURPOSE OF EXPORT IS TO PERMIT FUTURE USE OF AIRCRAFT BY TAD IN COMMERCIAL CARGO FLIGTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

2. PREVIOUS APPLICATION BY DRYER FOR EXPORT SALE OF FOUR C133 AIRCRAFT TO AEROMAR C POR A IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WAS RETURNED WITHOUT ACTION BY OMC. AT THAT TIME, DRYER UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS ALLEGED TO BE A MINORITY STOCKHOLDER IN AEROMAR.

3. FAA ADVISES THAT C133 AIRCRAFT:

A) DOES NOT MEET FAA TYPE CERTIFICATION RULES;

B) IS NOT NOW ELIGIBLE FOR FAA STANDARD AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE;

C) IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN FAA EXPORT CERTIFICATE OF AIRWORTHINESS;

D) DOES NOT MEET APPLICABLE COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED CODE AS PROVIDED BY ANNEX 8 OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION (ICAO) (CHICAGO CONVENTION);

E) THE U.S. REGISTRATION OF THE SUBJECT AIRCRAFT WAS CANCELLED ON 19 DECEMBER 74. THE AIRCRAFT NEVER WAS ISSUED AN FAA AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE. AT THAT TIME, THE FORMER U.S. OWNER INDICATED THE AIRCRAFT WAS BEING EXPORTED TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC;

F) REPORTEDLY REGISTERED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AS HI-246 AND THAT THIS IDENTIFICATION NOW APPEARS ON THE AIRCRAFT;

G) FYI: THIS AIRCRAFT MAY NOT BE OPERATED IN THE U.S. EXCEPT FOR A POSSIBLE FERRY FLIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH AN EXPORT DELIVERY. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL FLIGHT AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS PURPOSE IS CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY IN FAA.

4. THE C133 IS A FORMER U.S. AIR FORCE CARGO AIRCRAFT WHICH USAF RETIRED FROM SERVICE BECAUSE OF ITS POOR SAFETY RECORD, HIGH ACCIDENT RATE, AND DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING/OPERATING. USAF STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY USE OF THIS AIRCRAFT IN AIR TRANSPORTATION DUE TO UNSAFE OPERATING HISTORY AND END OF SERVICE LIFE (19,000 HRS). MCDONNELL DOUGLAS, THE MANUFACTURER ALSO ADVISES THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAS FULFILLED ITS USEFUL LIFE, THAT THE COMPANY CANNOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY IN CONNECTION

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WITH THE OPERATION OF THE AIRCRAFT, AND URGES THAT C133S NOT BE OPERATED.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY ACQUAINT APPROPRIATE LOCAL CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS WITH ABOVE INFORMATION AND DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE WHETHER THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS TRANSACTION AND FACT THAT SUCH C133 IF ACQUIRED DOES NOT MEET FAA OR INITIALLY RECOGNIZED AIRWORTHINESS STANDARDS (ICAO)

FOR COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT AND FAA WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING NAME OF OWNER OF AIRCRAFT IF NOW

VALIDLY REGISTERED IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND CONFIRMATION OF DOMINICAN REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION. ALSO REQUEST AVAILABLE INFO ON TAD AND POSITION IF ANY DRYER HOLDS IN THAT COMPANY.

6. DESPITE CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM APPLICANT, OMC AND FAA ARE WITHHOLDING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS PENDING LEGAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS AND REACTION OF GODR AVIATION AUTHORITIES TO PROPOSED FLIGHT TO SANTO DOMINGO.

7. APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONSULT LOCAL CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES AND RESPOND PROMPTLY TO INFORM OMC AND FAA ACTIONS. BROWN

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